

House Resolution 1984

By: Representatives Tumlin of the 38th, Johnson of the 37th, Manning of the 32nd, Parsons of the 42nd, and Teilhet of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Ronald H. Francis on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Ronald H. Francis of Marietta, Georgia, has been one of the
3 Georgia banking industry's most respected and admired leaders and one of the state's most
4 distinguished citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis is a graduate of Eckerd College and received his Masters of Business
6 Administration from Georgia State University; and

7 WHEREAS, he served his country honorably as a lieutenant in the United States Army in
8 Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis began his career in banking in 1969 with the Trust Company Bank of
10 Atlanta (SunTrust), and since that time he has served in a number of prestigious executive
11 positions with First Bank and Trust Co. and the Chattahoochee Bank; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis joined Charter Bank and Trust Co. in its inaugural year, serving as
13 CEO and president for 15 years; in 2004, Charter Bank, along with Mountain National Bank,
14 joined Bank of North Georgia, where he has served as vice chairman since July, 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, greatly respected by his colleagues in the banking industry, he is a former
16 chairman of the Georgia Bankers' Association; and

17 WHEREAS, outside of his demanding career, Mr. Francis is a highly involved member of his
18 community, and among his notable activities, he is past president of the Marietta Kiwanis Club
19 and the Marietta Country Club, a trustee of Kennesaw State University, and a graduate of
20 Leadership Cobb and Leadership Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis is also a faithful and very active member of First Presbyterian Church
2 in Marietta and is an avid golfer and tennis player; and

3 WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary service to his community, Mr. Francis was
4 named the 2004 Marietta Citizen of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis has been married to the former Claire Franklin for 40 years and is the
6 proud father of one daughter, Shana F. Rutherford; and

7 WHEREAS, after over three and a half decades of exceptional service to the banking industry,
8 Mr. Francis will be retiring from the Bank of North Georgia.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
10 members of this body join to commend Mr. Ronald H. Francis on his many years of
11 outstanding service to the banking industry and to Georgia and to extend their best wishes on
12 a happy and fulfilling retirement.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and
14 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ronald H. Francis.